Alternative sources for power generation

†2251. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any specific scheme to develop alternate sources of power to deal with the severe crisis of power in several States including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are formulating any specific scheme for villages of India to generate power through bio-gas and solar energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing various programmes for generation of power from non-conventional energy sources like solar, wind, biomass and small hydro throughout the country, including Madhya Pradesh. A total capacity additional for power generation of about 3700 MW has been made through these sources as on 31-12-2002 in the country, including 69 MW in Madhya Pradesh. A target for capacity addition for power generation of 3075 MW from various non-conventional energy sources has been fixed for the Tenth Plan period. A village electrification programme for the electrification of 5,000 remote villages through solar, biomass and small hydro power has been formulated for the Tenth Plan period.

Funds allotted to the States for promoting non-conventional energy sources

2252. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote non-conventional energy sources in the country;

(b) the State-wise and Plan-wise funds provided to the States including Uttar Pradesh for promoting non-conventional energy sources during the last three years;

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(c) whether huge unutilised amount is lying on this account;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective measures being taken by Government for proper utilisation of funds allotted to the various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) The Ministry is providing financial and fiscal incentives for various programmes for promotion, development and utilization of non-conventional energy sources such as solar, wind, biomass and small hydro. The fiscal incentives include accelerated depreciation, relief from taxes & duties and soft term loans to private entrepreneurs. Policies for promotion of power generation from non-conventional energy sources have also been introduced in several States. These apart, emphasis is laid in creating mass awareness and publicity through print, postal and electronic media about use of energy through non-conventional sources.

(b) to (e) State-wise funds released, including those for Uttar Pradesh, for promoting the use of non-conventional energy during the last three years, i.e., 1999-2000 to 2001-02, are given in the statement enclosed. (see below). No unutilised amount from the funds released has been reported so far. The Ministry has been conducting periodic reviews of the schemes/programmes implemented through the State Nodal Agencies and other organizations to ensure proper utilization of funds.

Statement

State-wise funds released including those for Uttar Pradesh for the development of non-conventional energy sources during 1999-2000 to 2001-2002

S.No.	States/UTs	Amount (Rs. in crores)		
		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15.355	20.993	24.986
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.383	0.894	16.528
3.	Assam	2.519	0.777	0.471

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Bihar	3.939	0.224	0.133
5.	Goa	0.104	0.056	0.020
6.	Gujarat	4.544	5.900	5.522
7.	Haryana	3.539	4.239	3.477
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6.094	4.370	6.151
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.492	1.514	0.849
10.	Karnataka	10.179	15.210	13.405
11.	Kerala	4.744	5.190	10.674
12.	Madhya Pradesh	11.421	7.736	3.805
13.	Maharashtra	16.527	11.120	7.804
14.	Manipur	1.205	0.399	1.342
15.	Meghalaya	0.466	1.296	2.095
16.	Mizoram	2.928	5.042	0.528
17.	Nagaland	0.586	1.181	3.341
18.	Orissa	9.877	5.448	8.025
19.	Punjab	11.126	3.967	12.876
20.	Rajasthan	7.817	7.099	9.136
21.	Sikkim	3.970	6.681	5.097
22.	Tamil Nadu	6.266	5.218	3.844
23.	Tripura	0.937	3.264	2.686
24.	Uttar Pradesh	11.687	15.531	18.152
25.	West Bengal	16.200	15.881	18.157
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.184	8.049	2.655
27.	Chandigarh	0.080	0.020	0.160
28.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.012	0.000	0.000

1	2	3	4	5
29.	Daman & Diu	0.012	0.036	0.000
30.	Delhi	0.660	1.402	0.825
31.	Lakshawdeep	1.191	2.882	5.725
32.	Pondicherry	0.119	0.135	0.132
33.	Chhattisgarh	9.000	0.000	1.772
34.	Jharkhand	0.000	0.000	0.125
35.	Uttranchal	0.000	0.000	1.416
36.	Common to all States	34.369	26.841	30.808

Proposed change in promotion system

2253. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the existing performance appraisal system for promotions and placement of Government officers and staff:

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to make the ACRs with an appropriate system of checks and balances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The Government have constituted a 'Group' under the Chairmanship of Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Surinder Nath. The 'Group' was constituted on 19.12.2002 and has been asked to review the present system of promotion of All India Services Officers and other Group "A" officers, at the level of Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary and Secretary to Govt. of India to ensure greater transparency, objectivity, and a more clearly defined linkage with the performance appraisal system which would serve to motivate good officers.